GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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BAN ON USE OF DDT
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that World Health Organisation (WHO) has recently lifted its ban on use of DDT for public health (despite its earlier ban in many countries) because Scientists have discovered that there is a need to protect human lives and premature to less effective/more costly alternatives to DDT are unsustainable; and

(b) if so, the steps have been taken by the Government to adopt cheaper and effective pesticides for malaria control which are relatively less toxic than DDT and are safe to environment?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a): The World Health Organisation (WHO) Study Group on `Vector Control for Malaria and other Mosquito Borne Diseases` (1995 and the Expert Committee on Malaria (1998) recommended the use of DDT in indoor residual spray for vector control.There was no ban from WHO for use of DDT for public health.

(b): Does not arise.